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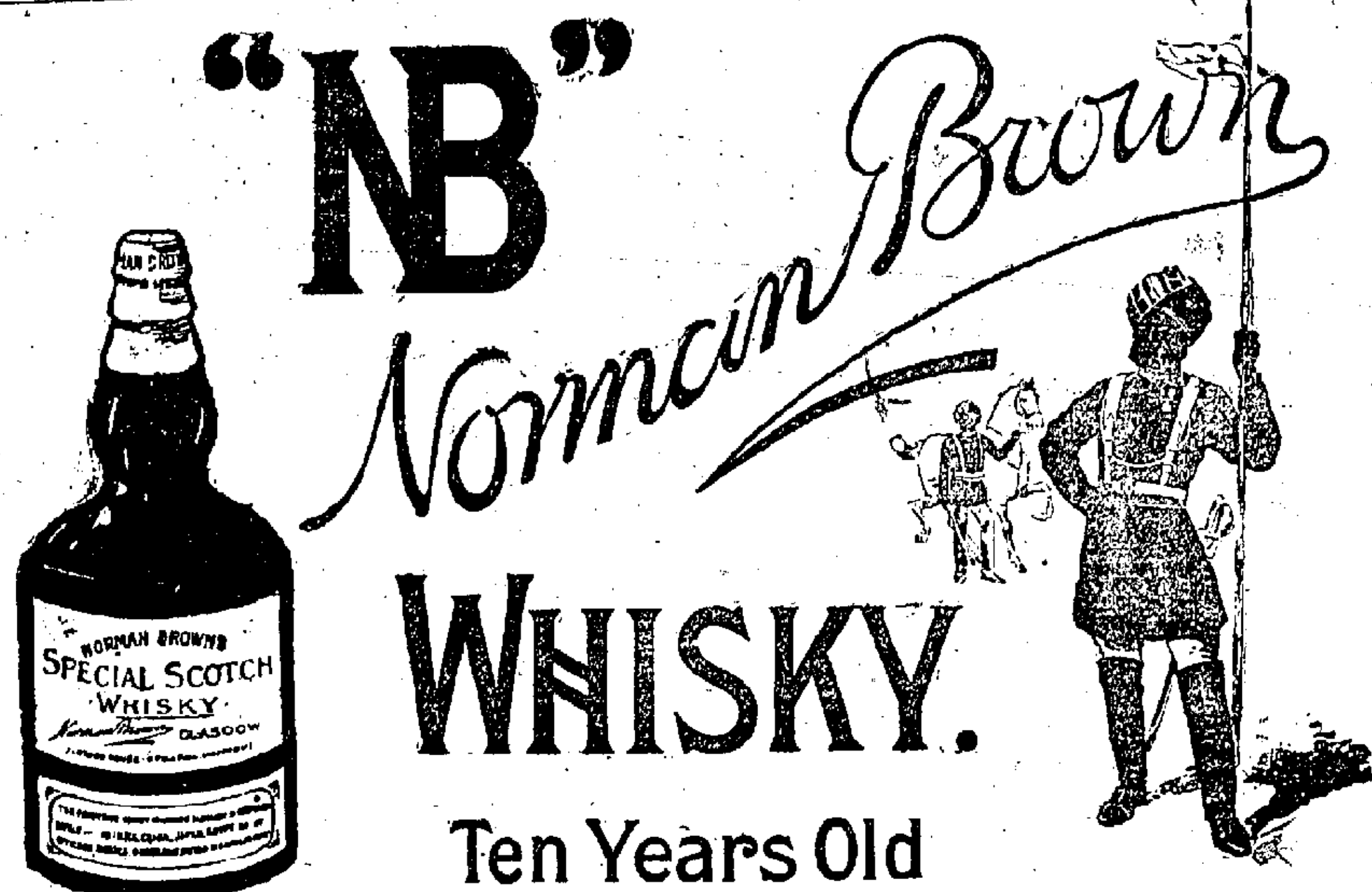
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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the 'China Mail')

London, 24th May, 1897.

GREECE.

The Greek Government have disbanded the irregular forces.

Five hundred American and fifty French volunteers have arrived at Athens, and have been sent to the front.

The prospects of peace in Greece are generally regarded as gloomy, and disorder and even revolution are feared when the army returns to Athens.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:

On the 26th at 11.20 a. The low pressure area has passed away to the Eastward of Japan and high pressure now covers W. Japan and the China coast. Gradients moderate to slight. Forecast:—Fresh to moderate E. winds; fair.

HER MAJESTY'S RECORD REIGN.

For the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, the Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contributions, viz.:

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From July enlistment of Formosans for military service in the island is to be commenced, the pay offered being from five to six pence per month. The Central Japanese Government will advance the expenses incurred until the matter can be voted upon by Parliament.—Hiro News.

The Nippon notices reports that the N.Y.K. sailers landing at various ports from steamers leading to European ports are still suffering from "swollen heads," due to the victory of Japan over China. It solemnly warns them that they will spoil the fair fame of their country if they persist in their present turbulent ways.—Hiro News.

The Japanese Government has decided to rebuild the Parliament House on a better site, at an expense of four million yen. It is said that preparation of the plan and estimates will occupy three years and that the structure cannot be completed under 20 years owing to the difficulty of obtaining a sufficiency of material and workmen as required.—Hiro News.

On the arrival of the French Mail-Steamer Yagouet at Saigon on the 18th inst., the officers on board complained that they had been missing a great many articles, spoons, knives, forks, &c., on the way down. Sgt. Podmore went on board and made an investigation of the boxes of two Chinamen, with the result that the greater part of the missing property was recovered.

Captain William Finch and Chief Officer A. S. Hamilton, of the *Gadic*, were the recipients of a great deal of praise from the passengers of that steamer on her last trip from China to San Francisco. For looking to the comfort and pleasure of the passengers so well, a present was made to both of the officers. The presentation speech was made by the new Chinese Minister, who was a passenger in the vessel.

A GENTLEMAN just back from Honolulu has given a Tokyo correspondent a lively account of the scene at Honolulu when the bulk of the *Kiwa* war's passengers were refused permission to stay in the island. This was after they had been cleared from quarantine, and it required a considerable force of police with clubs and soldiers with unseathed swords, besides the firing of a heavy gun from the fort and the earnest protestations of the Japanese Minister, to get them back aboard their vessel. Most of the 640 rejected were warlike Kumaon-men, the others were from Hiroshima and Yamaguchi.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* says the Easter articles of most of the German papers are more or less gloomy in tone. One of them says that even if the talents and intentions of the Sovereign are all that can be desired an absolute and personal government cannot be conducive to the welfare of an empire with more than 60,000,000 inhabitants, whose interests are as various as the historical development and the geographical configuration of the country. The original and constitutional will must be opposed to that of an individual, if the present unrest is to be dispelled.

Quite an epidemic of murder seems to have occurred in the army in India during the past three months. The sentences of death upon the following men were confirmed some little time ago, and the culprits have probably been executed by now:—Seymour Mounin, 40th Pathans, for the murder of a comrade at Fort Sandeman in January; Sepoy Gunga Singh of the Guides for the murder of a native officer at Mardan in February; Private Suryanawan, 10th Madras Infantry, also for the murder of a native officer in February; Private Mooney, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, does, has been tried for shooting Private Flood in February, and has been sentenced to death. The evidence in this case disclosed no motive for the crime. Mooney, while on guard, went to the canteen, where he had some liquor with Flood, with whom he was on terms of friendship. He had a quarrel with Flood and tried to strike him, but was prevented from doing so. The same night, while on sentry duty, he left his post, went into the barracks, sat down on a cot next to the one on which Flood was lying. The men were asleep, and Mooney went to replace a rifle in the rack. Flood was found to have been killed, the rifle used having been his own. Mooney was at once sentenced to death for the murder of a comrade who had been serving out to him while on guard, and from this he had taken advantage. A third case of murder has been recently reported in the papers, a report of one of the Gurkha regiments in Assam having killed a native officer at Dibrugarh. There has not been such an outbreak of violence in the army for many years past. In fact five different murders in three months is probably unprecedented.—Hiro News.

THE QUEEN'S RECORD REIGN.

THE WATER FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS.

We are requested by the Hon. H. E. Weddhouse, C.M.G., to furnish the following particulars regarding the procession of launches on the 22nd June on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Record Reign:

Any illuminated launch can take part in the procession if notice has been sent in to Mr. Weddhouse on or before the 7th June. After that date no further entries will be admissible.

The number of launches entered up to date is sixty-eight. Of these, the Dock Company contribute seven, inclusive of the *Fraser*—a whale-boat, the *Minnow*; Messrs. A. Gordon & Co. contribute six, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., three; the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Co., three; the P. and O. Company, three; Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, three; Messrs. Dowdell, Carill and Co., three; and other firms in proportion. The Military Authorities will have four launches about, including the *Soleil* and the *Miner*, and the Civil Authorities three.

The procession will be headed by a torpedo boat (with a search light), kindly lent by Commodore Holland, and will be under the command of Captain Ramsey, R.N. The procession will be accompanied throughout by displays of rockets and coloured lights. Fifty cargo boats, illuminated with 'fish' lanterns and decorated in harmony, will follow the launches. They will be towed by illuminated tugs lent by the P. and O. Company and by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

The line of the procession will be marked by a double row of illuminated cargo boats, through which the launches will proceed. Lanterns will be served out to every Chinese vessel in the Harbour, including sampans, and the Jubilee Committee has invited the foreign shipping in the Harbour to illuminate, and it is hoped they will also show lights and fire off rockets.

The Naval and Military authorities have promised their cordial co-operation, and with the Community animated by the feelings of loyalty that the unique occasion of the demonstration has so strongly brought out, the display, both on shore and on water, ought to be worthy of the reputation of the Colony.

The style and method of the decoration of the launches are left entirely to the taste and initiative of the owners. No fear need be entertained of any monopoly of design, as although the form of illumination will be that of lanterns, these, by means of bamboo or wire-netting, can be so clustered as to give every conceivable variety of design. Doubtless, as is only right, each launch will have its form delineated, but supplementary details afford ample room for diversity of taste and its expression.

The procession will commence at 9 p.m. It will be viewed with great advantage from any point on the Praya, and as far as Murray Wharf. It can also be viewed from any house commanding a view of the line of Harbour. Moreover, owners of launches who are hospitably inclined can give their friends no better opportunity of witnessing it than by asking them to accompany in the procession. This, however, it must be well understood, would involve being on board at least as early as seven o'clock and would mean detention on board until nearly midnight.

Details as to further arrangements will be published later on, but, generally speaking, it may be said that all communication with the shore between Kennedy Town and Murray Pier will cease after 8 p.m., and people desirous of getting on board their launches will have to board either at Murray Pier or East of it or at Kennedy Town or West of it. For returning to the Shore after the illuminations the same restrictions will have to be observed as in going off, as the whole line of Harbour will be occupied by moored boats.

It is not recommended that during the procession launches roam about the Harbour promiscuously. People should be either in the procession or on board ship or on shore. After the procession is over, this objection ceases to have effect.

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The following is said to be a true copy, status a correspondent, of an essay on Ross-shire, written recently by a school boy:—Ross-shire is a big county. It takes in Jura and all Dingwall. Ross-shire is inhabited by colonels, majors, and people. The principal businesses in Ross-shire are making whisky, lemonade, and looking at and talking about water and water-pipes. Some farm products of Ross-shire are crosses of various breeds, including an old mule.

The Navy will be represented by at least 300 seamen in London on June 22, some forming a guard of honour at Buckingham Palace, some in Trafalgar-square, and some at St. Paul's. The Regular Army, of course, will play a great part, and the Imperial troops other than British will be present in great variety of race and uniform. The following is, as nearly as may be, the list of troops:—From Jamaica, 20; Hongkong, 40; Ceylon, 80; Sierra Leone, 12; British Guiana, 23; Trinidad, 20; Cyprus, 13; Gold Coast, 23; Lagos, 22; Straits Settlements, 60; Dyaks, 26; Malacca, 20; Queensland, 80; New South Wales, 22; Cape of Good Hope, 30; Victoria, 41; Natal, 35; West Australia, 25; Danzig, 20; New Zealand, 40. The officers will number about 45, and it is estimated that the number of mounted men will number 350.

Misnews.—Why, Mary, you have saved your father a week's work. Said—Yum! with the side, you took it to go to my mother and she wouldn't care to be made old yet.

THE PREVENTION OF DISTURBANCES AT WUCHAU.

A COMENDABLE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

The following is a translation of a Proclamation issued at Wuchau-fu by the Prefect Tai on the 8th inst.:

'It has been notified by the Governor that Wuchau, in Kwangsi, is to be opened as a treaty port. This being the case, there will certainly be European merchants coming here, and they are to be protected and are not to be regarded with other than feelings of sincerity. Fearing that there may be some ignorant people who may be inclined to treat them with contempt, or to insult them orally, I therefore issue this extraordinary notice, in addition to the one previously issued, in order that the people within and without the city may take note that, now Wuchau is opened by Imperial Decree as a Treaty Port and as the European merchants who come up here to trade must be respectable men, they are to be treated with respect. Should any young children or people in the streets make use of impolite expressions towards Europeans, the offenders will suffer severe penalties; parents are especially invited to take note of this proclamation for they will be made responsible for the misbehaviour of their children.'

'We believe one or two instances of molestation have already occurred at Wuchau, whilst it is no uncommon thing for the foreigners to be insulted, as they are in most Chinese cities, by the use of most impolite epithets, but, on the whole, the conduct of the people of Wuchau since the latter-day advent of foreign traders and missionaries has been most exemplary. Nevertheless, the issue of Prefect Tai's proclamation is to be welcomed as an evidence of a good understanding between the Chinese officials and our own Consular authorities at Canton.'

So far, we are given to understand, no Consular appointment has been made to Wuchau or Sanghai, but Mr. Jamieson (Acting Vice Consul at Canton) has been frequently mentioned during the past fortnight as likely to go to Wuchau for the opening of the port on the 4th of next month.

TIGER HUNTING ON THE WEST RIVER.

A CHINESE VERSION OF AN OFF-TOLD TALE.

(From a Correspondent.)

The following is a description of a recent sporting adventure on the West River. It is furnished me by my boy in the *patois* familiar to most of your readers, and requires no further comment from me:

Sing Sang, West River, 2 day 4th moon.

Master, I-go homestead do that Ching-ming pigdin. I have hear some man say. Two piece foreign man go that side. Along Sing Ching have got two piece large gun. That two piece foreign man take that man stop that side, Sing Sang. Have got to go, all same English talker. Tiger! That man Chan ask have got dolla? That Ying-kwok-yen take dolla? you can show tiger you can pay five dolla. Chan think too much: then he say—Just now have got one small piece, have catched 4-5 day, little stick. Foreign man take—No wantchee, one-two day have makee die, can do; no wantchee too much stick.

That man Chan think too much; then he remember. Little more far inside have got one piece lo fo, before time 4-5 year have catched, keep one house, any man can looksee. Chan talker that foreign man—You can stop topside one die, that lo fo come, then he can catched that lo fo. Chan have come that side talker that man have got lo fo, you sell me sell, can pay five dolla. That man have got lo fo think Chan bring fool; talker twenty dolla. Chan sit down diek too; he no go back some night. Next day he no have settie he go back. He see that foreign man, too much die. Chan very cunning; he talker plenty man have hear that lo fo last night, you see I s'pose you can pay fifty dolla can secure show he.

Foreign man too much wantchee, so he can show Hongkong-side, say—Can do. Chan say all die, you sitce topside that die time, that lo fo come. That two piece man go topside die, go sleep. My have hear some man say have dinked three-four piece porta tehau.

Chan have makee pig sendee one large piece pig go that side. No use. That foreign man makee sleep. Next day, Chan think too much; he got that boat what side foreign man stop he talker—I have hear you have killum that lo fo, s'pose you can pay twenty-five dolla more, I go catched. That foreign man too much glad pay. Chan go chop chop, pay that man have got lo fo ten talee lo fo, pay that lo fo some medicine and that lo fo die. Then he take one large piece bamboo, putting inside two time makee hole. Finishes so fashion, he talker four piece man takee that side fan yan boat. He pay sumwah half dolla.

That four piece man takee that lo-tau boat, makee great tobery. One man say that lo fo have killum he two piece man. I no saves how can. That two foreign man like too much; but no got so much dolla. Run by some old man stop that boat lendee money, so can catched that lo fo.

My think Chan have got too much money.

(Signed) A KUN.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, May 26.

CHARGE OF ARSON.

Wong Lin Kang was charged with feloniously, unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to a dwelling house at 90 Jer Street, on 21st April, two persons being in the dwelling house at the time. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

The following jurors were sworn:—Messrs. Chan He Wan, J. M. do Rozario, D. F. O. do Rozario, L. R. Huchway, Louis Ken Chan, H. McNeil, and P. B. Silva. W. M. Goodman, instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. Deacon, appeared for the defence.

Mr. Robinson asked, before the jurors were sworn, if any gentleman directly connected with any fire insurance company had been selected.

Mr. P. M. Gutierrez said he was Inspector of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.

The Attorney-General said he had no objection to the gentleman standing aside. Of course they wanted a perfectly impartial jury.

The Attorney-General, in his opening speech, said the question the jury would have to determine was whether the prisoner was or was not the person who maliciously set fire to the premises. It seemed that in the early morning of 21st April very soon after five o'clock fire broke out on the premises at 90 Jer Street occupied by a bird's nest dealer. This bird's nest dealer occupied the ground floor and the second floor, and the first floor—the floor between the floors occupied by the bird's nest dealer—was occupied by a commission agency and dealer in piece goods and amised oil.

The master of this piece goods shop, the accountant and manager, was the person who conducted the business of the shop and gave orders during the absence of the master and chief accountant. The goods on the ground and second floors were insured in the South British Insurance Co. for \$10,000. They would be of opinion when they had heard the evidence that the goods were not worth so many hundreds of dollars. Two or three boxes of birds' nests were sent away to Macao. They would also see in financial difficulties and the business was not prosperous. They would find that the fire, which was a very sharp one for a short time, was put out very quickly. The Brigade arrived almost immediately, and there were found on the premises a great number of such conditions and under such circumstances that they would arrive at the conclusion that the fire was intentional and not by accident. In cases of arson it was very difficult to bring home the guilt of the prisoner. In some cases the prisoner was so clever that he left all traces of proof; in the next place it was necessary to rely on the evidence of the people in the shop, and if the circumstances were very suspicious indeed, unless the people in the shop were arrested they could not get them. After they arrested them they could not be asked any questions. Consequently they had to ascertain proof under difficult circumstances, and the class of witnesses could not be called for the purpose of the prisoner and a tailor who slept on the premises that night had a friendly smoke of opium together in the accountant's room after which, about eleven o'clock, the tailor went to bed leaving the prisoner in the accountant's room. In this room, which was a corner room, was a piece of cotton quilt, with matting on the top of it; another tin of kerosene was on the ground below the shelf, and a third tin of kerosene was lying against the side of the partition dividing the room from the shop. The tin was lying on its side on the ground. It was with this tin of kerosene that the fire was given at 4.29 a.m., and the fire was got under at 6.15 a.m. McAuley, the foreman of the Fire Brigade, was the first man on the scene. After the fire \$10,000 were found in a drawer on the ground floor, but only one tin was found on the ground floor. When the fire occurred, defendant went to a room in Circular Pathway where he lived with a sweethart. The Police found in the room a number of documents. One letter addressed to the prisoner and the account of the prisoner's arrest from the Police. The letter was dated 12th April and the letter was dated 6th April. It began by addressing the prisoner and the accountant as 'partners'. After referring to several unsuccessful business transactions it said:—'Your letter of this date says the insurance has been removed. Now you being in the shop, you must deeply mean to save me. I shall be deeply stepped in your generosity. Business when prosperous is very easy to manage, but when falling it will be difficult to sell others. I sincerely hope you will come out together and act when opportunity offers. That will do, there is no necessity for further orders. The letter concluded, 'Whatever you do you must not tell others. Keep it in your heart what you do.' There were several documents of importance but he did not wish to refer to them at present. The Attorney-General then called evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. E. M. Hazland put in plans of the premises.

Mr. H. Crombie, of the South British Insurance Co., spoke to the insurance being effected and the transfer of the policy on the goods from one shop to another. The removal of the insurance was effected in March.

Ung, tailor, said on the night of the fire six persons were on the ground floor. He had no time to go up to the shop, but he lived there on charity at the cost of his claimant, who was the master of the shop. After smoking opium with the prisoner in the accountant's room, he went to sleep on a box in the room. When questioned by the Attorney-General as to the statement he made at the Magistrate that he slept outside the room, he said he was frightened at the Magistrate and said he slept outside the room, but the true fact was that he slept inside the room on a box near the passage. When he went to sleep there were three lanterns burning in the shop, one hanging in the front shop between the counter near the accountant's room, and the front door of the shop. There were two other table lamps, one on each of the counters. There were three other lamps, one in the kitchen, an oil lamp on the couch, and a small lamp on the landing of the stairs. The examination of this witness occupied most of today's sitting.

A fold in the shop gave evidence.

The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

DEAR OLD MACAO!

PROPOSED SCHEME OF IMPROVEMENT.

Capt. W. E. Clarke, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.

contributes the following letter to the *Echo Macanese*:

'According to my promise I now have the pleasure of forwarding you a few figures as to the dimensions, construction, and cost of the suggested breakwater between Main Point and Pedra Area Rock. The calculations as to cost, etc., are based on figures for similar work at the sister colony of Hongkong.'

Allowing for average depth of water, say 16 ft. to 17 ft. 5 in. with 2 ft. above surface, 15 ft., and assuming the level of hardiest rock to be 18 ft. below the surface of River bed—36 ft., 20 ft. top surface angle of sides 45 deg. or 1 to 1 gives base 92 ft. 92 ft. by 3/4 = 64 ft. yards per foot at \$0.50 contract price. 64 by \$0.50 = \$32 per foot, 6,000 ft. at \$32,000.

For the construction of such a barrier it would require 384,000 cubic yards of stone and there can be no doubt that this would be the cheapest system, as there is an unlimited supply at hand.

I would suggest the work to be done at minimum cost, so that in case of damage by severe typhoon repairs could be executed at once.

Construction—Mark out line of work by piles every 50 ft. or so and deposit granite boulders perpendicular from junks, allowing material to find its own way. At end of first typhoon season the outer slope of finished portion to be trimmed by divers in dress to uniform slope of about 45 deg.

The finished work to be from 15 to 20 ft. wide on top and the slopes on each side about 45 deg.

Heavy stone not less than 8 ft. cube deposited on the eastern face.

In order to offer the least resistance to heavy sea, the wall should only be about 2 feet above H.W.S.

Let contract for work finished and to be maintained for one year after date of completion.

Time of construction would depend upon arrangement; about one year would be long enough to have the work in an effective state.

In asking you to kindly publish the above few suggestions I hope I shall not say an imprudent thing to you, but I have a few practical remarks will have the effect of directing the attention of the proper authorities to this simple and inexpensive method of dealing with the actual current to deepen the entrance to the port I shall be more than satisfied.

I have gone to some pains to inquire into the above subject, with the result that this amount of work can be done for this sum of money at Hongkong and I see no reason why it should not be done for the same or even less at Macao. Of course a great deal depends at what depth hard bottom can be found.

At places in Hongkong the stone has sunk 50 feet before striking hard ground. I think this could be fairly ascertained before the day the greater the stone.

It is a very interesting matter to suggest the construction of a breakwater costing \$1,000,000. But what is the use of doing so when we know the resources of the colony will not admit of such outlay.

We have had a long time to believe that the natural current is running to waste!

Recent experience proves to me that it is the current from the Broadway of the West River that has deepened the Bagio Channel and with the same current contracted between the Pedra Area Rock and Barra Point. I am equally bound to believe that the current would be to deepen the channel of Guis, as also that of the I. M. Customs station at Macao-chow, with results very much to be desired by all who are interested in the trade and prosperity of dear old Macao.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

The New York Aquarium, which was opened some two or three months ago, has just become the possessor of the largest lobster in the world—the largest, too, which has ever been captured. This specimen was less than 24 lbs. and measured 35 in. from the tip of his tail to the end of his left claw which is 2 ft. long and 9 in. wide. The body has a circumference of nearly 2 ft., while the antennae are 18 in. long and the legs about 12 in. It is estimated that this specimen is not less than forty years old.

The following from the *Hib* is verbatim *Atterbury*, a West of Scotland school boy's 'Essay on Bicycles and Tricycles':—'Tricycles and Bicycles are very common, ladies go on them as well as gentlemen, the ladies go the Bicycles as well as the Tricycles. Bicycles are not so safe as Tricycles, for people sometimes fall off them. A Tricycle and a Bicycle are two different things a tricycle is a low machine, and some bicycles are high and some are low. The low bicycle is filled with wind and some boys stick pins into it and have great fun. The low bicycle is good for knocking down dogs and boys and other people. My brother has a bicycle and has been a fortnight in his bed. It is a long time since the Tricycles and Bicycles were invented.'

A NOVEL excuse for being drunk has been given in one of the New York police-courts where the prisoner in his defence stated that he obeyed the teachings of the Bible. 'The magistrate did not agree with this view whereupon the prisoner requested the loan of the Bible which was ordinarily used for administering oaths. Without a moment's hesitation the prisoner turned to the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs and read the following verse:—'Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.' The magistrate listened, and, rising to the occasion, uttered the words:—'Discharged. It is perhaps a good thing that the majority of the drunkards do not occupy themselves in studying the Bible, or life would have a new terror unless the magistrates could find some counter-verse to quote against the triumphant words of wisest bibe.'

Willie, a id his mother, did you say your mother said right like a good little boy? Yes, ma'am, replied Willie; I said she was a bad little boy.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 25th May, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts write:—

We have no important changes to report since our last circular; rates in general have maintained their position, and a fair amount of business has been transacted.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled slightly easier with sales at 184 1/2 and 184 per cent premium. The London quotation is 241. National Bank have been taken off the market at 221 1/2.

Marine Insurance.—A small sale of China Traders has been effected at 377. North China have improved considerably, and are quoted at 165. Yangtze have been sold at 184 1/2 and 185, and Straits have dropped to 181 1/2.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fires are steady with buyers at 102 1/2. China Fires have been done at 102, 101 and 100, and close firm at the latter rate.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have changed hands at 335, and are offering at the same price. Indo-China have again been done at 354. Douglas Steamships are easier with sellers at 365. China and Manilla are enquired for at 373.

Sugars.—China Sugars have been in fair demand, and sales at 142 and 143 have been effected. Luzons remain unchanged with small buyers at 347.

Mining.—Punjuns have been in some demand, and several lots have changed hands at 87 1/2 and 87 1/2. Charminings are quoted at 300. New Balmoral Preference shares have advanced to 22 1/2 sales, and the Ordinary to 22 1/2. Rauls have been in good request and have been placed at 22 1/2, 22 1/2 and 22 1/2. Olivers shares have been done at 22 1/2, 22 1/2 and 22 1/2, and the B shares at 20 and 20 1/2.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have ruled steady at 244 per cent. premium with only small sales.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Kowloon Land have been placed at 31 1/2 and 31 1/2. Hongkong Hotels have improved their position, and are wanted at 342. West Point have been done at 239, and Humphrey's Estate at 38 1/2.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cement have suffered a slight reaction, and have been sold at declining rates down to 37 1/2. At a private meeting of shareholders it was decided to increase the Capital by the issue of 30,000 new shares at 100 % premium. A. S. Watsons are offering at 12 1/2 ex the dividend of 50 cents per share paid to-day.

Bakery.—The London Bakeries have advanced to 110 and 110 1/2. The Bakeries have advanced still further, and are not obtainable under 110.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

A FRENCH VERSION OF BRITISH POLICY.

The French Chamber had under discussion a project recently to set aside a sum of 1,250,000 for the payment of expenses occasioned by the epidemic of plague in India.

Mr. Francois Delord interposed to show the negligence of the British authorities. It is now well established, said M. Delord, that the bubonic plague, originating in Yunnan, was brought from Hongkong to Bombay by the British post steamers.

The Government of India, having to contend with one of the worst famines of the century, the result of the bad administration of that empire, has done nothing to check the epidemic of plague. Europe has had to intervene, and rightly fearing that the scourge might reach the Persian Gulf and Red Sea during the period of the Muslim pilgrimages, Turkey, Russia, Egypt and France from the first took energetic measures to prohibit passengers coming to their respective shores. England for long time was the only one who held out against this prohibition. The force of public opinion and the necessity of the Congress of Venice were necessary to extort from the Government of India the order forbidding any of her subjects embark either for Mecca or for any of the holy places of the Shiah cult. At this same Congress of Venice England ultimately accepted the establishment of an international sanitary police in the Red Sea and resigned herself to the preventive measures suggested by Austria and France. However, in 1894 similar engagements entered into by England and but were loosely observed.

The Chamber voted the necessary credit.—*La Semaine Coloniale*.

Foreign trade during April at Yokohama and Kobe was as follows: Exports 9,124,000 yen and Imports 16,088,133 yen. The bulletin exported amounted to 161,139 yen and imported 4,399,058 yen.

MAKING it is to have taken several hundred copies of the Japanese Constitution, translated into English, and of the book of Court ceremonial, for presentation to scholars and learned and historical bodies.—Hiro News.

There should soon be an end to the prevailing scarcity of Japanese subsidiary coin, seeing that about one million yen's worth is being rapidly put into circulation. In some places 10 per cent. has been charged for changing a dollar.—Hiro News.

A PAPER gives an account of a society event, and in speaking of one beautiful lady of quite large proportions, should have said, 'Mrs. Smith possessed a form that June might envy.' The editor went home and left a subordinate to get out the paper, and the next morning he read in his paper that Mrs. Smith possessed a form that June might envy.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kaituma* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 27th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 26, 1897. 1059

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK

THE S.S. *Broomfield*, Captain DAVIES, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1897. 1056

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *PESHAWUR*.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out at risk of Mark and delivery can be obtained at such as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, May 24, 1897. 1053

STEAMSHIP *CELESTINE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. *Memphis*, and from Bordeaux, ex S.S. *Vichy*, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-morrow (Saturday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 28th May, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 28th May, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on Friday, the 28th May, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, May 22, 1897. 1043

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenelg* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 4th Proximo, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1897. 1041

GRIMAUD'S SYRUP.

OF

HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME.

FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.

All suffering from Catarrh, Consumption, Obsolete Coughs or Colds and those affected with diseases of the Chest, Lungs and Bronchial Tubes, should take

GRIMAUD'S SYRUP OF HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME.

Prescribed by the leading medical authorities in all countries for the last twenty-five years with the greatest success, it continues to retain its reputation where all other medicines have failed.

Grimaud's Syrup immediately arrests the Cough, Spitting of blood and Night-sweats, and the Appetite improves rapidly—a fact demonstrated by an increase of weight and healthy appearance.

Grimaud's Syrup has a rose colour, and is sold in flat oval bottles. Beware of imitations.

GRIMAUD & Co., Paris. Sold by all Chemists.

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Vernon*, Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 26, 1897. 1055

RICKMERS' REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Elisabeth Rickmers*, Capt. REISEMUND, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 14, 1897. 981

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers of sufficient importance.)

(Taking Cargo at discount rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, HULL, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship *Gerd*, Captain T. EHLERS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIMMONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1897. 1031

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Mogul*, Captain ROWLEY, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 30th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 13, 1897. 976

'SHELL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

The Co.'s Steamship *Torlo*, Captain J. MORSE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd of June.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1897. 1026

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-VLADIVOSTOK LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR VLADIVOSTOK,

VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN AND GENSAN.

—RETURNING—

VIA GENSAN, FUSAN, KOBE, SHIMONOSEKI, NAGASAKI, KEELUNG, POOCHOW & AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Nagato Maru*, Captain M. NISHIMURA, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 4th June, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer is specially fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation, ensuring every Comfort to Passengers, and a good opportunity is therefore offered to passengers desirous of enjoying a Summer trip to the North.

Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any Port en route, and connections may be made at KOREAN or JAPANESE Ports, with the other Lines of the Company.

Return Tickets issued.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, May 13, 1897. 978

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kanagawa Maru*, Captain J. MACKENZIE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd June, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Accommodation for First-class and Second-class Passengers, and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly-qualified Doctor carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, May 15, 1897. 984

RICKMERS' REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Dorothea Rickmers*, Captain REISEMUND, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th June.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1897. 1044

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Aladdin*, Captain SCHURT, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Hongkong, May 26, 1897. 937

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Foochow*, Captain BLACKBURN, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 26, 1897. 1067

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

The Co.'s Steamship *Deception*, Captain BRANCH, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 23, 1897. 1058

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR FAYRE, HAMBURG AND LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Antenor*, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 29th Instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 23, 1897. 893

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Ben Lodi*, Captain FALGOUT, due here on or about 10th June, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1897. 1036

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 100 A. J. British Ship *Clan Macdonald*, Captain INNES, shortly expected from SHANGHAI, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, May 5, 1897. 919

Mails.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

The Steamship *ROHILLA*, Captain F. COLE, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 3rd June, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

(This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship *INDIA*, leaving that Port on the 26th June, for LONDON direct.)

Silk and Valuable Mail Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, May 20, 1897. 1039

Not Responsible for Debits.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners are responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GODFREY, British ship, Captain TRULKS.—Standard Oil Co.

LANDER, American ship, Capt. John B. Stahl.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

ROSS, British barque, Captain James Garriok.—Simmons & Co.

TORONTO, British steamer, Capt. J. B. Buchanan.—Standard Oil Co.

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong, *Gaelic* (via Amoy, Shai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yama and Huku), SATURDAY, May 29, at daylight.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama), THURSDAY, June 17, at noon.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama), TUESDAY, July 6, at noon.

The Steamship *Gaelic* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLANDSEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 29th May, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada, rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day before sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight Rates, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 1, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, May 25, 1897. 962

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong, *City of Peking* (via Shai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu), TUESDAY, June 8, at noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama), SATURDAY, June 26, at noon.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama), THURSDAY, July 15, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 8th June, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada, Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Land routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Bills will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight Rates, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 1, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, May 25, 1897. 1038

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SUNDAY, the 30th May, early in the Morning the *Quimper*, Steamship YARRA, Captain LE CONNELLER, will MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

The *Quimper*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 6th June, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Freight will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 a.m. and parcels until 3 p.m. on the 30th May. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, May 26, 1897. 1060

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This Powder, so celebrated, is utterly free from all impurities, and is perfectly harmless to all animals. It will destroy all vermin, and is perfectly safe for use in all cases. It is invaluable to all who are afflicted with vermin, and is especially adapted for children. Sold in bottles, by all Chemists.

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